

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

REMARKS

It is proposed that claim 12 should be amended in the manner indicated above in order to correct an obvious error. The amendment does not affect the scope of the claim or raise any other issues regarding patentability and it is therefore requested that the amendment should be entered under 37 CFR 1.312 without withdrawing the case from issue.

The interview recorded in the Interview Summary attached to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 22, 2004 was initiated by the examiner and took place over the period from November 18 to December 8. The examiner proposed amending claim 5 to include the features of claim 6 and to state that the elastic member urges the elongated filling member into engagement with a generally downwardly-facing surface of at least one of the roller supporting members. The examiner proposed that similar amendments should be made to claim 21. On December 8, 2004, applicant's representative informed the examiner that the examiner's proposed changes were acceptable. The examiner proposed other changes that were largely formal in nature. Applicant's representative agreed to most of the changes and offered alternative suggestions for a few of the examiner's proposals. Agreement was reached with respect to all changes.

Respectfully submitted,



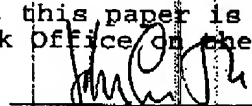
John Smith-Hill
Reg. No. 27,730

SMITH-HILL & BEDELL, P.C.
12670 NW Barnes Road, Suite 104
Portland, Oregon 97229

Tel. (503) 574-3100
Fax (503) 574-3197
Docket: MUTU 2434

Certificate of Facsimile Transmission

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.



John Smith-Hill

Date

1/14/05